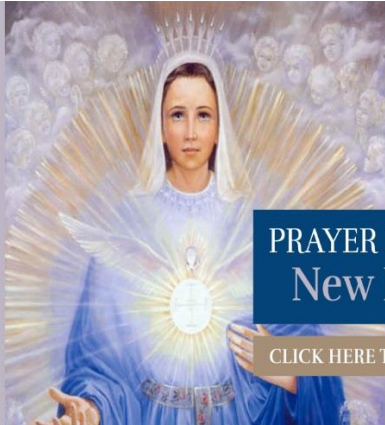




WEEKLY Diocesan Update



PRAYER FOR THE
New Evangelization

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL PRAYER](#)

Photo of the Week:

Prayer for the New Evangelization. Click the banner above for more.

Office of the Bishop:

Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection – Please [click here](#) to read Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection for the month of November. A Spanish version of the reflection will be sent out ASAP.

Catholic Rural Life – This month's Catholic Rural blessing is the blessing of food. Harvest festivals are an ancient practice. The great American feast of Thanksgiving follows that tradition. It reminds us that another year's work of growing food is over. We are thankful for all we can store to get us through the winter and continue to enjoy our land's abundance and variety. We also take time to remember God who has given us so much. To read the blessing for the month of November please [click here](#). For more information about Catholic Rural Life please visit our [website](#).

Office of the Chancellor

Dr. Diana Hayes, an African American Catholic Theologian and Emerita Professor of Systematic Theology at Georgetown University will present two lectures in Stockton entitled "Standing in the Shoes My Mother Made." The lecture will focus on the dialogue between life and faith. Dr. Hayes stands out among current scholars who bring their theological lens to issues of race, gender, class and religion. Dr. Hayes lectures, with Q and A, will be presented on November 12, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Presentation Church, 6715 Leesburg Place and on November 13, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at O'Connor Woods West Hall located at 3400 Wagner Heights Road. Both lectures are free and open to all. Download a flyer to the event by [clicking here](#). Learn more about Dr. Hayes [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

October: Respect Life Month

October 1-December 10:
Adult Bible Study (St. Michaels)

November 16: Vocations
Workshop (Spanish)

November 16: 7th Annual
Bishop's Dinner for the
Seminarians

November 17: Eric Genuis
Benefit Concert

November 23: Annunciation
Preschool Christmas
Boutique

November 23: Friendsgiving!
Inter-Parish Young Adult
Event (13480 Orange
Blossom Road, Oakdale)

November 23: Tribunal Aide
Training (St. Bernadette
Church)

November 23-24: Curso de
Formacion Biblica 2019

December 5-7: California
Catholic Ministry Conference

December 8: 39th Annual
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Diocesan Celebration

December 10-13: Advent
Mission with Fr. Wade
Menezes

Office of Development

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, Honorees, and all who attended and supported the 2019 Bishop's Awards Dinner on October 5, 2019! Thanks to the incredible generosity of so many, like you, the event was a great success! A special thank you to Chairpersons Patrick and Gail Velasquez, for their leadership!

We are truly grateful for your support of this event, which provides funds for Catholic Education for children in need through the SEEDS program and to care for the needs of the poor in our community through Catholic Charities. For those who were unable to attend and wish to view more, videos/presentations are now available on our website at: <https://stocktondiocese.org/about-the-bishops-awards>

Safe Environment

The Diocese of Stockton is taking an active role in educating the public and parishioners in regards to everything we are doing to maintain a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. This Month looks at how the Office of Vicar for Priests is taking an active role in contributing to a safe environment for all. Please [click here](#) to see this month's edition.

Office of Religious Education:

The San Jose Diocese's California Catholic Ministry Conference (formerly known as Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference) is an excellent conference with over 90 speakers and specialized tracks. The ORE is on the planning committee and excited to participate. For more information go to www.cacmc.net.

Vocations:

Vocations to the Priesthood – If you or someone you know would like to learn more on the process of becoming a priest, please come to the next discernment meeting on November 24 at the Saint John Vianney House of Formation, 4101 N. Manchester Ave., Stockton, CA 95207. The meeting starts at 5:00. A light dinner will be offered. Please contact Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of Vocations, for more information:

vocations@stocktondiocese.org

December 14: Christian Parenting and Family Life in Today's World (Church of the Presentation)

December 14: Formación Liderazgo Pastoral

December 14: Tribunal Aide Training (St. Bernadette Church)

December 16-24: Simbang Gabi (Misa de Gallo) (Our Lady of Guadalupe Church)

Visit our [website's calendar](#) for full details about upcoming events

***All events are Pastoral Center events unless specified.**